## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A handheld implement, in particular a portable chainsaw (100), with having a handle housing part (12) that contains at least one carrying handle (10), and with at least one motor housing part (16) that carries a drive unit (14) and is connected to the housing part (12) by means of an antivibration system that consists of comprises at least one vibration-reducing spring element (18) and a threaded adjusting element in communication with said at least one vubration-reducing element, characterized in that wherein the threaded adjusting element is selectively actuated to adjust the spring constant of said at least one vibration-reducing spring element (18) is realized such that it can be adjusted with the aid of a tool or without requiring a tool.
- 2. (Canceled).
- 3. (Currently Amended) The implement according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one vibration-reducing element (18) consists of further includes a damping element (22).
- 4. (Currently Amended) The implement according to one of Claims 1-3 Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one vibration-reducing spring element (18) can be adjusted by defining a spring constant (26) and/or a damping constant (32).
- 5. (Currently Amended) The implement according to one of Claims 1, 2 and 4

  <u>Claim 1</u>, characterized in that the spring constant (26) of the <u>vibration-reducing</u> spring element [[(20)]] can be varied in dependence on the thickness (28) of the spring wire, the average winding diameter (30) and the spring length (34).

- 6. (Currently Amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that the <u>vibration-reducing</u> spring element [[(20)]] contains a rigid body (36) that can be screwed into or onto the spring element in order to realize a static adjustment of the spring length (34).
- 7. (Original) The implement according to Claim 6, characterized in that the rigid body (36) consists of an adjusting screw (44).
- 8. (Currently Amended) The implement according to Claim 7, characterized in that the <u>vibration-reducing</u> spring element [[(20)]] contains a flexible body (38) that can be screwed into or onto the spring element in order to realize a dynamic adjustment of the spring length (34).
- 9. (Original) The implement according to Claim 8, characterized in that the flexible body (38) consists of a spring element (40).
- 10. (Currently Amended) A chainsaw The implement according to Claim 8, characterized in that the flexible body (38) consists of a rubber part (42).
- 11. (Currently Amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that a contact surface (46) is arranged inside or outside the <u>vibration-reducing</u> spring element [[(20)]] in order to realize a progressive adjustment of the spring/damping characteristic (34) of the <u>vibration-reducing</u> spring element [[(20)]].
- 12. (Currently Amended) A chainsaw The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that the spring length (34) of the <u>vibration-reducing</u> spring element [[(20)]] is adjusted in the form of a prestress of at least two opposing spring elements (20), namely such that an equilibrium of forces is achieved.

- 13. (Currently Amended) The implement according to one of Claims 6-12 Claim 6, characterized in that that a static adjustment, a dynamic adjustment, a progressive adjustment and a prestress adjustment can be combined with one another.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that the average winding diameter (30) of the <u>vibration-reducing</u> spring element [[(20)]] can be defined.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that the spring wire thickness (28) of the <u>vibration-reducing</u> spring element [[(20)]] can be defined.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The implement according to one of Claims 1, 3 and 4

  Claim 3, characterized in that the damping elements (22) for adjusting the damping constant (32) are realized in the form of solid dampers.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The implement according to one of Claims 1, 3 and 4

  Claim 3, characterized in that the damping elements (22) for adjusting the damping constant (32) are realized in the form of hollow dampers.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The implement according to Claim 16 [[or 17]], characterized in that the damping elements (22) have an axial prestress.
- 19. (Original) The implement according to Claim 17, characterized in that a damping element (22) that is realized in the form of a hollow damper contains a rotatable eccentric ring (48) that is arranged in the hollow damper and serves for adjusting the damping constant (32).
- 20. (Original) The implement according to Claim 17, characterized in that the hollow damper is filled with gas.

- 21. (Original) The implement according to Claim 17, characterized in that the hollow damper is filled with a fluid.
- 22. (Currently Amended) The implement according to one of Claims 1, 2 and 4-15

  Claim 1, characterized in that the vibration-reducing spring element [[(20)]]

  consists of steel.
- 23. (Currently Amended) The implement according to one of Claims 1, 3 and 16-21 Claim 3, characterized in that the damping element (22) consists of plastic.
- 24. (Currently Amended) The implement according to one of Claims 1, 3 and 16 21 Claim 3, characterized in that the damping element (22) consists of rubber or a composite material.
- 25. (Canceled).